

PARENTS BLAMED FOR SUICIDES BY YOUNGER PEOPLE

Child-Suicides in Country in Past Year Said to Have Numbered 858.

By EDWARD M. THIERRY
NEW YORK, July 27.—Parents and school teachers are to blame for much of the appalling increase in child suicides.

That is the judgment of Dr. Harry Marsh Warren, president of the Save-A-Life League, who for fifteen years has been working on suicide prevention.

Here are the figures on child suicides in the United States:

1919..... 477
1920..... 707
1921..... 858

That is a 50 per cent increase in one year and 20 per cent in two years," says Doctor Warren.

The high ratio is continuing in 1922. Last year 485 girls and 373 boys took their own lives. The av-



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average age of boy suicides was 16, girls 15. Most girls used poison, boys a gun.

These are the chief reasons he lists for child suicides:

ONE: School affairs, particularly of examinations.

TWO: Parents' lack of interest in problems of child life.

THREE: Love affairs and unhappy child marriages.

FOUR: Revenge for reprimands.

FIVE: Parents' Lack of Sympathy.

"Parents too often do not get close enough to their children," says Doctor Warren.

"The result often is a suicide out of revenge for marriage at 15 or 16 and quick separation."

"Children's love affairs are sometimes more serious than adults realize. Last year, 10 per cent of child suicides were due to this one cause."

"Teachers can be, and usually are, of wonderful aid to parents in helping children solve these problems. But some teachers are not so far-sighted. Children in school have a horror of examinations and many grow morbid over fear of not being promoted."

"I once heard a teacher tell a pupil before an examination: 'You cannot possibly pass.' I consider the remark brutal and criminal."

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Way on Visit.

Miss Bessie Barth of Arnetts Run has gone to visit her brothers and sisters near New Martinsville. She will be gone about a month.

New Barber Shop.

George Weekly, a former resident of this place, recently opened a barber shop here. His place of business is in the building which is occupied by Buzzy's Store.

Personals.

O. V. Barbe was in Fairview on business Tuesday.

Roy Amos of the Stevens Motor Car Co. was a business visitor in Grant Town Tuesday.

Mrs. Arlice Lowe of Basnettville was giving her pupils their music lessons here Tuesday.

Roy Pitzer and son Billy of Fairmont are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Michael of this place.

Birthday Party.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Smith held an outdoor party Tuesday evening at their home, "Twin Brook Farm," in honor of the first birthday of their daughter Dorothy.

From 8 until 11 o'clock games and corn-roasting served as diversions. Refreshments were served during the evening.

The guest list included Dewey Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Will Clayton and daughter Olive, Albert West, Ethel Morris, Howard West, Harriet Sease, Harry McElroy, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Robey, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Smith and children, Dorothy, Opal, Wallace and Evelyn, Eleanor McElroy and Mrs. Leda Coffindarfer.

GOTHAM NOT AHEAD OF CABIN CREEK NOW

WHITESVILLE, W. Va., July 27.—Cabin Creek may not be the fifth avenue of Kanawha County, but New Yorkers who hit the heart of this region might be right at home with the styles seen there according to State Police operating in this section.

They have seen everything New York is showing in the way of open face stockings, ankle watches and bloomers, paraded along the "river walks" of Cabin Creek.

"Why we have given New York a thrill if it could have seen the lady trainer we had for a while for our houn' dogs," said a trooper. "She was garbed just like an animated fashion plate. However the girls of the creek didn't let her style stop them long, and soon a pert young thing was noted with bloomers of the latest cut from the metropolis."

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Mr. Edwards' Personal Message

TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF WEST VIRGINIA:

On August 1st you will register your choice for the Republican nomination for United States Senate. During the campaign about to close I have endeavored to present the issues which appear to me to be vital to the welfare of the people of West Virginia, fully and frankly, and free from any personal criticism so far as individual candidates are concerned. In times like this, individuals, do not count except as they may offer evidence of sincerity of purpose or a guaranty for the fulfillment of pledges given.

I believe that every sincere and true American agrees with me that what is most needed at the present time is not so much a matter of new principles and theories, as the restoration of constitutional rights and privileges to our citizens in their pursuits of life, liberty and happiness. Furthermore, I believe that party platforms and the platforms of candidates should be made to stand on and not merely for the purpose of getting into office. I pledge myself to use my best endeavors, when elected, to secure for my constituents, so far as possible, a recognition of the principles which I have advocated.

I believe that a business man can better represent the State of West Virginia, at this time, than any theorist or professional politician, however able. All that politics needs is business reform as practiced in business. The declaration of independence and the constitution of the United States offer plenty of ideals to meet the requirements of everybody, but we do need to find a way under which it may be possible for our citizenship to receive the benefit of those ideals.

I believe that the great body of progressive citizens in West Virginia, living south of the Kanawha River, are entitled to a representative in the upper branch of Congress, in order that their interests may be served better by one more closely in sympathy with their needs and consequently in possession of direct information as to what they most desire, a right they have never enjoyed. The voter is an employer, not an employee of the office holder.

I have no apologies to offer for my loyalty to Republican principles. I have always stood for every progressive movement that had for its object the betterment of mankind and the securing for every citizen, high or low in the social scale, the enjoyment of his constitutional privileges in his right to live and to earn a living in the way that suits him best. This is his right in accordance with every traditional American ideal. I cannot understand how any sane, right thinking American can ever oppose legislation having for its object the abolition of class distinction, the insuring of enjoyment of equal opportunity by all citizens, whether men, women or children, under the protection of the American flag; and this applies to all legislation dealing with the great social and humanitarian movements of the day.

I was an earnest supporter of the cause of woman's suffrage.

I always have been and shall continue to be opposed to unrestricted immigration, and in favor of protection of American society against the lower standards of living brought from foreign countries.

I believe that the American idea of home life is the corner stone of civilization, and should be supported and protected by every means possible.

I stand for all the other accepted principles of the Republican party, including the protection of American industry and American citizenship.

The ideas that I have advanced for the consideration of the Republican voters of West Virginia are ideas which must govern in bringing about an adjustment of the present unsettled business and political condition of the state and the nation, and which are strictly in accordance with a true Republican interpretation of the Constitution, under which we are governed.

There is no class of citizenship which need have any fears as to the stand I might take on any public question. My record shows that labor can expect the same fair, impartial and unbiased consideration of questions in which it is interested, as capital would ever receive at my hands. It should not expect more—it will not receive less.

If it should happen that the Republican Electorate expresses a preference for some other candidate, I will be found giving to that candidate the same earnest and effective support that I have always rendered when the interest of the Republican Party were involved.

There are no attributes of the bolter in my make-up.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the press of the state for their courtesy and the interest they have shown in their consideration of my campaign. And to all others who have rendered such loyal service in co-operating for the spread of the ideas I have advocated among the people and have assisted so zealously in every way to insure the success of my candidacy. When nominated on August first, I pledge to the Republican party and the people of West Virginia the same zeal, the same purpose and the same policies in establishing the principles of the Republican party that I have made use of in the handling of my private affairs.

If you are in accord with the views that I have expressed, I shall be grateful for your support and your vote.

Yours Faithfully,

C. F. EDWARDS.

THIS MAN SHOULD BE WEST VIRGINIA'S NEXT SENATOR

1. Mr. Edwards is the man of the hour to harmonize so-called "Capital" and "Labor" by the exercise of the same principles of square dealing that he has maintained in all of his private enterprises.

2. Mr. Edwards, as a resident of Huntington, in the southern part of the state, is entitled to the support of West Virginia Republicans if for no other reason than because he is a capable representative of a section of the state which is unquestionably entitled to name a Senator. For many years, the southern section, with 100,000 more votes than the northern counties, has consistently supported the northern candidates for office. As a matter of fair play, all factors being undeniably equal, if not in favor of the Huntington man, West Virginia Republicans should concentrate on nominating and electing the Huntington man.

3. Mr. Edwards never has had one symptom of labor or discontent or trouble in any of his factories. Neither laboring man nor employing capitalist need fear to entrust him with their governmental affairs, for he has proved himself a fair and an astute advocate of honest live and let live principles in all business transactions.

Mr. Edwards' history is a chapter in modern business romance

Finishing a common school education at the age of eighteen, he taught in the public schools for four years. The experience gained at this time, combined with his natural abilities and ambition, laid the foundation for what was to later become a most successful business career. His experience as a teacher trained him to analyze conditions, to construct policies and to apply principles in meeting the problems of life which arose among those with whom he came in contact. Lacking the technical training which the majority of our youths today have, but determining to engage in some branch of manufacturing business, he entered the University of Hard Knocks and took a job with the Ensign Car & Foundry Company in Huntington. Here, he learned the rudiments, at least, of the practical knowledge, which is essential in conducting a progressive and successful factory enterprise.

His next experience was to engage in clerical work and later in the sale of commodities, two other essential branches of modern business.

With this preparation, at the age of twenty-eight, he decided to launch the enterprise in which he has ever since been engaged. His training had produced many valuable results. He knew the rudiments of production; he had the "other fellow's viewpoint"; he had been a laborer himself; he knew

that good workmanship was obtained directly in proportion to the consideration with which the employer treated the employee. He knew something of office methods and his contact with business people had furnished him the pole essential to negotiating an enterprise such as he planned.

Conditions and circumstances in the building up of his business were no different from those encountered by others in pursuing life's activities, but there was a difference in the way that many meet them and the way Fred Edwards met them; that difference accounts for his remarkable success and the fact that today he is at the head of the largest industry of its kind in the world, an example that furnishes inspiration and hope to every American youth. Mr. Edwards is an example of what purpose and determination can do under the stimulus of American ideals and present-day opportunities. He is a fair man, pledged to any class, as such, and an ardent champion of business methods in government, an exponent of the "live and let live" principle. If elected to the United States Senate from the State of West Virginia, his career there will be successful at least equal to that in the business world. He will succeed because he has learned how to think and how to apply himself to the duty that lays before him to accomplish the aim he has in view.

C. F. Edwards is the Logical Candidate To Carry the Republican Party To Complete Success at the Polls In November—a Practical Business Man Unfettered by Alliances, and Unhampered by any Political Enemies

These Home Folks Give Edwards Their Endorsement

Regardless of political beliefs, the men named below (only a few of the hundreds of Huntington people who know and believe in Mr. Edwards) have endorsed him as their candidate for the Senate, declaring that Mr. Edwards' business qualifications, as well as his high moral standing, entitle him to represent the State in the Senate. Here are a few—you know them and their judgment is beyond question: J. L. Caldwell, president of the First National Bank, Huntington; Thomas H. Morris, general manager, the Boldt Glass Company; C. R. Comer, furniture manufacturer; Boyd Jarrell, editor of the Huntington Herald-Dispatch; C. F. Newman, secretary of the Huntington Trades and Labor Assembly; Judge D. E. Mathews, of the Common Pleas Court; Floyd S. Chapman, Mayor of Huntington; Dan H. Holton, general agent for the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company; J. C. Rardin, General agent for National Life Insurance Company; C. L. Ritter, of the Ritter Lumber Companies and of Watts-Ritter; T. R. Shepherd, prosecuting attorney; Dr. Lake Polan, optical physician; Harry Abrams of Abrams & Brother; Leslie T. Downey, of the Huntington Union Rescue Mission; Thomas F. Bailey, of the Banks Supply Company; G. J. Nicholson, of the Nicholson Kettle Furniture Company; Ira J. Harshbarger, banker and miller, former Mayor of Huntington; Paul W. Scott, lawyer, of Williams, Scott & Lovett; W. O. Walton, real estate owner, business man and former sheriff; Charles E. Harper, president of the Bricklayers' Local, Huntington; Judge G. R. Hefley, of the Court of Domestic Relations; Edward Mays, County Superintendent of Schools; Dr. C. C. Barnett, of Barnett Hospital, past president of the West Virginia Medical Society; W. A. Williams, sheriff of Cabell County; R. L. Archer, vice president, the First National Bank; James H. McComas, ex-postmaster at Barboursville; C. L. Harshbarger, cashier of the Bank of Milton; Walter D. Davidson, furniture man, president of the Huntington Business Men's Association; James A. Hughes, former congressman, director of the Pence Springs Company; C. W. Watts, president of Watts-Ritter & Company; Z. Taylor Vinson, lawyer; John S. Farr, hotel proprietor; Ben Powers, secretary, Republican City Executive Committee; Brad Hall, social service worker;

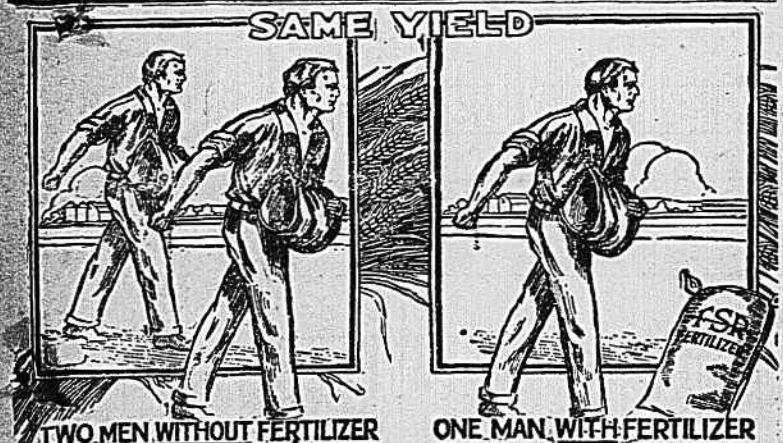
Dr. I. R. LeSage; Dr. Earl Gerlach, President, Board of Health; Mat Miser, former street commissioner of the City of Huntington, and scores of others, equally well known and prominently connected with the interests of the City of Huntington.

Read what Edwards Says About Industrial Affairs

"We are all interested in the tremendous possibilities which the industrial opportunities of our great State offer. We appreciate fully that the questions involved in and arising out of the development of our national resources call for a practical business knowledge, more than political experience. The question of peace and contentment in our factory districts and in our great coal areas is a practical and not a political question. Matters of taxation, not only those due to the aftermath of war conditions, but those naturally incident to the rapid development of our domestic interests are of exceedingly great importance to all our citizens and will be for a generation to come. In the proper settlement of these and similar questions, to the end that our people may be benefited in the fullest degree, we are all greatly concerned. I believe that in the settlement of these questions, the best results will be realized under the policies of the Republican party, and I feel confident of my ability to be of service to our Party, our State, and our Nation in the solution of such problems. If I am nominated and elected, it will be my aim and purpose to stand strictly on the fundamental policies of the Republican party, which has contributed so much to the material progress of our country."

"The labor interests have only to investigate the records of my own enterprises to learn that my policy is one of fairness and justice in dealing with matters pertaining to them, and those who are more interested in my attitude on questions concerning capital, will find that my views have always called for the exercise of equal fairness and justice to all concerned. I ask the support of the Republican voters of this State for this nomination and pledge to them the best that is in me in helping make more certain the establishment of Republican principles in the State and Union."

With Mr. Edwards In the Senate, the State Will Have an Ardent Champion of Fair Play in Business and a Man Who Believes in the Restoration of Constitutional Rights and Privileges to our Citizens in Their Pursuits of Life, Liberty and Happiness



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